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# The Guiding Star of the East



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## Our Star

What meaneth this Star in the Eastern sky  
Like a luminous pendant hanging high  
This Heavenly manifestation of light,  
As if in answer to human desire  
A beacon light to the poor Yearning  
Guiding them to life's Bethlehem.  
O Star of the East, be merciful,  
Bringing peace to nations that are warring.

## Our Star

I know not whether by trace or by dream,  
Or if an angel with garments of gleam  
Came to reveal to the wise men all that  
What Prophets of Israel had long foretold.  
But the vision came and the wise men saw,  
The message heard, though they trembled with awe,  
And with grateful hearts prepared to obey.  
Their faith firmly pinned to the Star's bright ray,  
Their hope for deliverance strong and sure,  
While love kept them courageous to endure.  
O bright, gleaming vision of light and love  
Sent from the Heavenly Father above.



## The Greek

In the land of Assyria and Babel,  
Where palaces were built to the King,  
Where nations were ruled by the ruler,  
And strange tongues were heard in the market,  
Where never came and went but the merchant,  
And where stood the harp and the organ,  
But of which kind the music was, I know not,  
Where the trumpet and organ were heard,  
That told the Christian of his power,  
While the star alone came to the manger,  
Night with silence all the world was hid,  
To his sign was seen the light of the world,  
The burden so heavy seemed to depart,  
While the world was made to see the light,  
Thus the vision came to the world,  
As the vision of the world was seen.

## The Journey

Divinely led by the bright Eastern Star,  
Came the Egyptian, so called, Balthasar;  
Melchior, the Hindoo; Kasper, the Greek—  
That together the New King they might seek.

- While the brilliant star to the Westward moved,  
 These wise men gladly met together passed,  
 No need had they to feel lest or shrink  
 Their God, who led them, could bring harm,  
 No fierce desert tempests nor open danger  
 Nor defiled dirt nor evil men could harm,  
 No dread of robbers who might seize their train  
 Though a single soldier might have slain  
 Peace reign'd around them, and no fear of war  
 Singing the praises of their God they bore  
 The great reward of heavenly grace they saw  
 The mercies of a Father they did praise  
 Though with no pomp nor solemnity  
 And with no costly offerings they did pray  
 But with the simple words of praise  
 In the words of his Son, who said,  
 And they that would have us to come to them  
 And say, a benediction on them.

### Jerusalem

- After many days on the desert sand  
 The wise men reached the holy city's border,  
 And anxiously scanning the distant view  
 Saw Jerusalem, the pride of the Jews.











Of Heaven's whole choir, a grand hosanna,  
 Praising our Father, each in his own way;  
 Singing, "Praise to God, the Lord, the King,  
 Glory to God, the Father, evermore;  
 And it came to pass, as they went,  
 The shepherds wondered what might be the sign;  
 And said to one another, we will go  
 "We have heard of this, and now we see it."  
 Let us too, Bethlehem, now adore,  
 See what is come to pass, this time,  
 Time when the Lord hath come, as promised,  
 Of the new King, long reign and peace to bring;  
 A scepter of living righteousness,  
 Come from the house of David thou,  
 So to Bethlehem, may come with us all,  
 Precious the moments, for him on wood,  
 Here they sought in humble stable home,  
 Where Mary and Joseph were found the night,  
 There they found the babe, so low, so high,  
 Sent a Redeemer, for all the world,  
 With Mary, His virgin mother, so pure,  
 The scoffs of the world glad to endure;  
 For was she not chosen from among all  
 To bear and nourish, to cherish withal  
 This infant sent to bless all mankind?

Thus the babe, Jesus, the shepherds did find.  
 And they told abroad what they had seen,  
 While people questioned what it might mean.  
 And the shepherds, rejoicing, went their way,  
 While the Star shone above where the child lay.

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And the Heavenly hosts, rejoicing, sang  
 While o'er all the world the echoes rang:  
 "Messiah is come bringing joy and peace,  
 Praises to God will nevermore cease;  
 For the manger cradles the new-born King  
 And men and angels rejoice and sing."

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### Adoration

With gladness the wise men resumed their way,  
 While the Star above shed its silvery ray,  
 And their hearts rejoiced for its guiding light  
 As on to Bethlehem they went that night.  
 And the Star stood o'er where lay the young child  
 In the arms of Mary, so gentle and mild.  
 The wise men their treasures laid at his feet—  
 The gold and myrrh, and frankincense sweet,  
 And worshiped the babe so lowly born,  
 Praising God on that first Christmas morn.  
 For the Star of Heaven and Earth to them,  
 Is, "The light of the world," born in Bethlehem.



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